

## **Utah State Developmental Center Annual Fall Conference**

October 13, 2004

8:15 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. (lunch will be provided)

895 North 900 East

American Fork, UT 84003

\$35.00 per person before Sept 1., 2004

\$40.00 per person after Sept. 1, 2004

**Keynote Speaker:** *David Pitonyak, Ph.D.*

**"The Importance of Belonging":** Being connected to the people we love is critical to our emotional and physical well-being. Many people experiencing our services are sick from loneliness. This keynote is about ideas for moving beyond interventions and coverage to a system that supports enduring, freely chosen relationships.

Breakout Sessions Include:

**"Supporting a Person with Challenging Behaviors"** *David Pitonyak, Ph.D.*

This presentation is based upon a simple idea: challenging behaviors result from unmet needs. In a sense, challenging behavior are "messages" which can tell us important things about a person and the quality of his or her life. We will explore six quality of life indicators frequently absent for people who challenge us; enduring positive relationships, interesting experiences, choice and control, opportunities to contribute to the larger community, skills that enhance a chosen lifestyle, and physical well-being.

**"Victimization of Vulnerable Adults"** *Elizabeth Sollis S.S.W., LaDawn Carter*

This workshop will discuss the Aging Revolution and its impact on vulnerable adults in our community. State laws regarding victimization of vulnerable adults and mandatory reporting will be explored. In addition, the workshop will provide participants with some of the common indicators of victimization of vulnerable adults. An emphasis will be placed on the importance and effectiveness of collaboration between Adult Protective Services, Law Enforcement, and other agencies/individuals in the community.

**"Intrathecal Baclofen Therapy"** *Christine Lipscombe, RN & Jennifer Chan, RN*

From the trial of medication to implantation of the pump and aftercare, this session will give an overview of Intrathecal Baclofen Therapy for clients with spasticity.

**"Live Your Own Sit-Com" Stress Management** *Brett McIff, Healthy Utah*

Humor is a potent tool for wellness and stress reduction. De-stress your office by learning to recognize the humor in everyday life.

**"Deafblindness: Etiologies and Implications for Rehabilitation"** *Maureen McGowan*

**"FISH: Catch the Enthusiasm, Release the Potential"** *Hollie Peterson -UPDC*

Exploring components of play, making their day, choosing your attitude and "being there."

**"Fly Tying: The Challenge"** *Spencer Nishimoto, John Pace & Shawn Mace - USDC*

The presentation is about the challenge of not only learning to do a new skill (tying flies) but the challenge of communicating with individuals on a day to day basis. This presentation will be a hands-on workshop and demonstration with a twist. What is the twist? Come and find out!

**"Common Medical Issues Surrounding Behavioral Support"** *Martin MaNeill, D.O., USDC  
Medical Director*

Frequently, medical pathologies lead to increased behaviors in our clients. Consequently, review of possible medical complaints should be paramount in reviewing behavior support.

**Closing Session:** *TJ Kennedy, BS, EMT-P, FP-C*

**"To Lead or To Manage?"** True leaders apply their unique style of genius through the application of Passion, Energy, and Focus!